

causes in the U.S. and abroad. His efforts in 1978 led to the creation of the National Security Caucus, a coalition of 275 Members of Congress, who focus attention on defense, foreign policy and international economic issues.

John has always been a practitioner of bipartisanship, and one of his guiding principles was best stated by the late Senator Henry "Scoop" Jackson: "In matters of national security, the best politics is no politics."

Having founded the American Security Council and directed its course since the early years of the Cold War, John Fisher has lived to see the collapse of Communism in the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, the withdrawal of Russian and Cuban forces from Afghanistan and Angola, the democratization of much of Central and South America, and the progress of democracy in parts of Africa and Southeast Asia.

Much credit must be given to the heroes of the Cold War. A due recognition must also be assigned to a truly remarkable American leader, who despite lacking governmental portfolio, has contributed mightily to the nation's well-being and security: John Morris Fisher, the Chairman of the American Security Council and the National Security Caucus Foundation.

TRIBUTE TO HELEN DOYLE

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 1998

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a woman who has diligently served the community for the past 50 years. Helen Doyle was enrolled as an honorary Augustinian at a ceremony on September 5 at St. Matthew Roman Catholic Church in my hometown of Flint, Michigan. The Very Reverend David Brecht O.S.A., the Prior Provincial of the Midwest Augustinians, officiated at the ceremony at the direction of the Augustinian General in Rome.

Helen Doyle left her Irish home in 1948 seeking a new life in America. The life she found was not the one she had pictured when she stepped of the S.S. Marine Falcon in New York City 50 years ago. God had a vocation in mind for Helen, and once here, she discovered that vocation. She has devoted her entire adult life to making St. Matthew Parish a wonderful place of welcome and worship. Her cheerful demeanor brightened the lives of the priests, sisters, and brothers assigned to work at St. Matthew Parish. Helen assisted the new parishioners and was a familiar sight to the children attending St. Matthew School. She has enriched thousands of lives over the last 50 years.

As a Roman Catholic, my faith plays a vital role in my life everyday. As a member of the House of Representatives, I consider it my duty to work toward improving and enhancing the quality of life for all persons. Helen Doyle is a person of such faith and her selfless dedication to the Church, its members and all humanity makes her an inspiration to me. She has lived her life jubilant in her faith and the place she holds in God's plan.

On behalf of the citizens of the 9th Congressional District, I want to commend Helen for all she has done to promote and protect human

dignity. I ask the House of Representatives to join with me today and pay tribute to an outstanding woman, Helen Doyle, as she is honored for 50 years of service to the Augustinians and the St. Matthew Parish community.

TRIBUTE TO RALPH G. CASO

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 1998

Mr. KING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay a special memorial tribute to Ralph G. Caso. My Congressional District, indeed all of Nassau County and Long Island, has suffered a tremendous loss with the death of Ralph Caso, one of the most distinguished public officials ever to serve the people of my town and county.

Ralph Caso, husband of Grace and father of Ralph and Jolisa, was born and raised in Manhattan and moved with his family to Long Island in his youth. He was a graduate of New York University Law School and a veteran of World War II. While practicing law in his home community of Merrick, Ralph Caso became involved in local politics and was elected a councilman of America's most populous town—the Town of Hempstead. He rose to the position of supervisor and then presiding supervisor, serving in that position from 1965 to 1970. In 1970 he was the overwhelming choice of the electorate to take the position of Nassau County Executive, the highest elective position in the county. County Executive Caso was re-elected in 1973 and was the Republican nominee for Lieutenant Governor in 1974.

While serving in the Town of Hempstead, Ralph Caso demonstrated outstanding leadership abilities. He moved immediately to improve and expand the town's park system, converting it into one of the finest in New York State. In addition, Mr. Caso demonstrated a quality for which he later became renowned—compassion. The father of a handicapped son, he founded Camp Anchor, a summer and after school camp at the seashore for handicapped youngsters. At the same time, Mr. Caso was credited with starting the building of thousands of units of low cost senior citizen housing units for elderly residents living on fixed incomes.

Ralph Caso continued his visionary policies when he was elected as County Executive. Among other things, the Nassau County Veterans Memorial Coliseum, home of the New York Islanders hockey team, was built during his administration. In addition, the new 19-story Nassau County Medical Center was completed during his tenure.

On a personal level, I wish to record my gratitude to Ralph Caso for agreeing to serve, during his retirement years, as my personal emissary to the senior citizen community where his good works will long be remembered.

Mr. Speaker, Nassau County has lost one of its greatest leaders, a man of courage and vision. Ralph Caso will be deeply missed.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 1998

Mr. ADAM SMITH OF Washington. Mr. Speaker, my flight from SeaTac airport was delayed yesterday evening, and I missed three votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on H. Res. 459, "yes" on H.R. 678, and "yes" on H.R. 1560.

CONGRATULATING FRANK AND TINA LEE UPON THE BIRTH OF WILLIAM FRANK LEE, JR.

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 1998

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my good friends Frank and Tina Lee of Smithfield, North Carolina. On August 17, 1998 at 3:33 p.m. they welcomed into the world their first son, William Frank Lee, Jr. There is nothing more wonderful and joyous than watching a child grow and I know that they will treasure every new day with their son. Faye joins me in wishing the Lees great happiness during this very special time of their lives.

HONORING DR. JUDITH CRAVEN

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 1998

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of honoring Dr. Judith Craven. This Resolution recognizes Dr. Judith Craven on her retirement as the President of The United Way of the Texas Gulf Coast.

Judith Craven is a Medical Doctor, a Master of Public Health, and has served as President of The United Way of the Texas Gulf Coast since the fall of 1992. Under Dr. Craven's leadership The United Way of the Texas Gulf Coast experienced financial stability and growth. As result of Dr. Craven's determined efforts the United Way of Texas Gulf Coast became the fourth largest campaign in the nation.

During her tenure, unprecedented growth in multicultural communities offered new challenges and opportunities, both in campaign and volunteer recruitment areas. This challenge was met by Dr. Craven's recommitment to the values to the United Way. Dr. Craven embraced the values of diversity in volunteer composition and in service to a multi-cultural community.

Dr. Craven maximized fund raising efforts, by conducting a community wide campaign that increased the opportunity for everyone to be able to give and which sought to ensure funding stability in the community. The hallmark of Dr. Craven's fiscal responsibility was a results oriented stewardship for every charitable dollar given.

Just one example of Dr. Craven's contribution to her community was the creation of the